

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Kevin Cooper

Serial No. : 09/\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_

Art Unit:

Filed : October 16, 2001

Examiner:

For : TWO PHASE THERMALLY DEFORMABLE BIOCOMPATIBLE  
ABSORBABLE POLYMER MATRIX FOR USE IN MEDICAL DEVICES

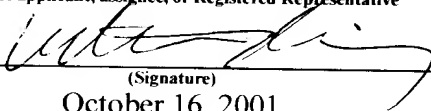
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following preliminary amendment be entered prior to prosecution on the merits.

**In the specification:**

At page 1, line 5, please insert the following:

-- This application is a divisional of pending United States Serial No. 09/497,060, filed February 2, 2000, which is a divisional of United States Serial No. 09/055,342, filed April 6, 1998, now abandoned. --